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The University of Dayton

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ANGLICAN THEOLOGIAN KNOWN FOR WORK ON MARY TO RECEIVE HONORARY DEGREE, SPEAK ON MARIAN FEAST

DAYTON, Ohio -- John Macquarrie, a leading theologian in the Anglican Church and a prolific author whose works include the popular *Mary for All Christians*, will receive an honorary doctor of divinity degree from the University of Dayton Wednesday, March 23.

Macquarrie will give a brief lecture on "The Annunciation" at 4 p.m. in the Sears Recital Hall in the Jesse Philips Humanities Center on campus. The degree presentation will follow.

On Thursday, March 24, Macquarrie will participate in an ecumenical Marian evening prayer, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at Holy Angels Catholic Church at the corner of Brown and K streets in Dayton. The choirs of Christ Episcopal Church and Holy Angels Church will sing at the service, which is free and open to the public. The service is on the eve of the Feast of the Annunciation, the day many Christians commemorate Mary's accepting God's invitation to become the mother of Jesus.

Macquarrie was Lady Margaret Professor of Divinity at the University of Oxford and served as canon of Christ Church, Oxford, until his retirement in 1986. Previously, he was professor of systematic theology at Union Theological Seminary in New York.

His publications include more than 20 books and 100 essays on topics ranging from philosophy to spirituality, from systematics to ethics. His best-known works include the textbook *Principles of Christian Theology*, published in 1966 and 1977, and *Mary for All Christians*, published in 1990. Macquarrie also has been involved with the Ecumenical Society of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Macquarrie, born in Scotland in 1919, is married and has three children. Raised a Presbyterian, he ministered in the Presbyterian Church before being ordained a priest in the American Episcopal Church in 1965.

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In addition to his church ministry, Macquarrie has served as a visiting lecturer at universities and theological colleges in Australia, Canada, Denmark, India, Japan, Hong Kong, Norway, Singapore, Switzerland and the United States.

During his time in Dayton, Macquarrie also will participate in a symposium, "Ministry Perspectives on Disability," set for Sunday, March 20, through Tuesday, March 22, at Bergamo Retreat Center. An introduction to his symposium talk is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 20, in the Roncalli Center at Bergamo, 4400 Shakertown Road in Dayton. The introductory session is free and open to the public.

The degree presentation marks the final event commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Marian Library, founded in October 1943. Housed on the seventh floor of Roesch Library at the University of Dayton, the library has the world's largest collection of printed material on Mary, including more than 82,000 books and pamphlets in some 50 languages and dating back to the 15th century.

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For interviews, call **John Macquarrie** at 011-44-865-61889. He will be in Dayton from March 20 to 24. For help in arranging interviews, call **Mary Harvan** or **Pam Huber** at (513) 229-3241.